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- 25X1A Comment: An independent source states that this article was rewritten five times to meet Russian wishes. The press release on Wilhelm Kulz's reception by Marshal Sokolovsky, originally scheduled for 8 February, was held up by the Russians in order not to interfere with the Grotewohl story.)

2. Both stories are part of a Russian propaganda campaign designed to prove that the SMA promptly fulfills democratic wishes expressed by German politicians. It is planned to have Georg Dertinger submit a similar request on behalf of the CDU. The main line of Russian propaganda is that the SMA is willing to make concessions to the Germans and to support a specifically German democracy. The Russians claim there is a great difference between their dictatorial methods in the Balkans and their democratic policy in Germany.

25X1A [] Comment: This propaganda appears to be meeting with some success. Social Democrat elements in the SED who have not been completely satisfied with SMA policies still claim the situation in Germany is much better than in the Balkans.)

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